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Application No. 200400450

Please address all comments to:
Regulatory Branch, 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214-2660

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Fixed Community Boat Docks and Boat Ramp at Tennessee River Mile 560.8R), in Roane County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit (DA) under authority of **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403)**. The discharge of dredged or fill material associated with the construction of the proposed boat ramp included in this application has been previously authorized for purposes of Section 10 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) by existing Nationwide Permit 36 [*January 15, 2002, Federal Register, Issuance of Nationwide Permits; Notice (67 FR 2020)*].

APPLICANT: Watersedge Properties, Inc.
11130 Kingston Pike, Suite I-110
Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

LOCATION: Mile 560.8, right bank, Tennessee River (Watts Bar Reservoir), in Roane County, Tennessee, Lat 35° 49' 41", Long 84° 36' 59", Bacon Gap-TN, USGS 7.5 Minute Series Quad Map. See Exhibit A.

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the construction of two fixed community boat docks and a boat-launching ramp for the private use of the residents of Emerald Pointe Subdivision. Details of the work are as follows:

a. Community Docks. Two fixed covered community docks would be built each measuring 32' wide by 279' long and containing 12 @20'x28' slips (24 boats). The proposed deck would be at Elevation (El) 742, i.e., one foot above Watts Bar Reservoir's normal summer pool (NSP), El. 741. Access ramps would be 4' wide while slip fingers would measure 3' in width. The docks would have galvanized steel framing, treated wood decking, and polyethylene-encased flotation. Each dock would have water and electrical hookups. See Exhibits B and C.

c. Boat Ramp. The applicant proposes to construct a 12' wide, by 50' long, by 6" thick reinforced concrete boat launching ramp to provide residents convenient seasonal water access. The top of the ramp would be at El. 744. The bottom of the ramp would be at El. 738. Ramp construction would require the dredging of approximately 213 cubic yards (CY) of bottom material below NSP. The ramp would be built at a 10-12% grade. As indicated in the "To All Concerned" section above, this activity has been previously approved under the authority of an existing DA Nationwide Permit. See Exhibit D for details.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office before a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination, and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

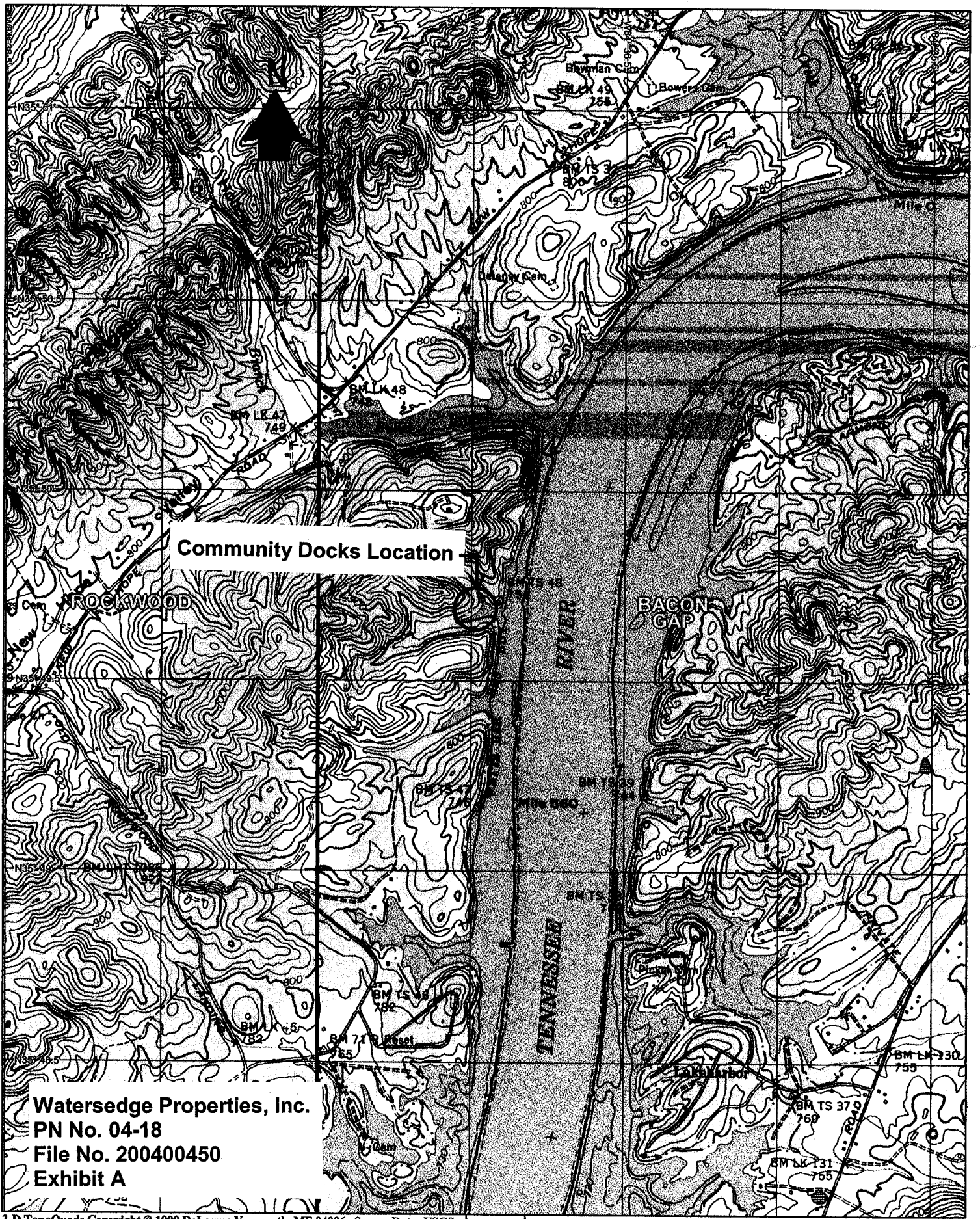
Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

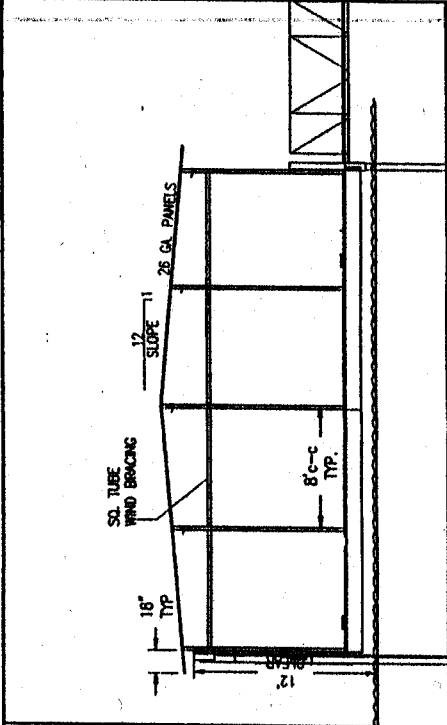
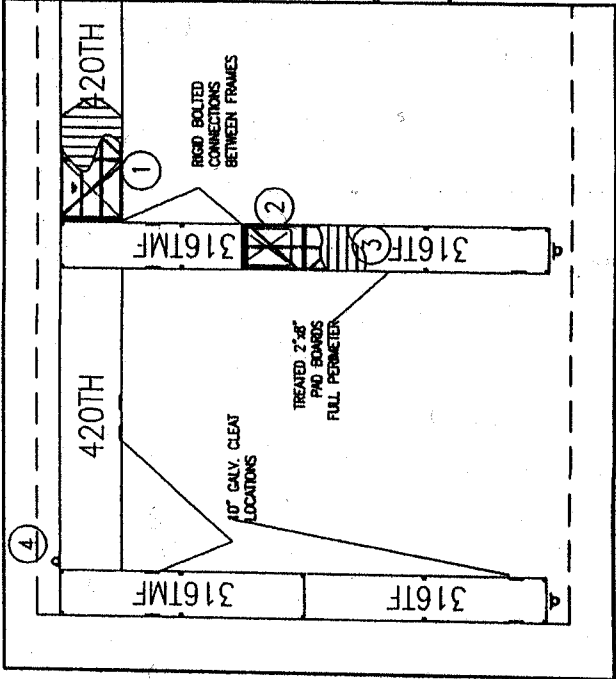
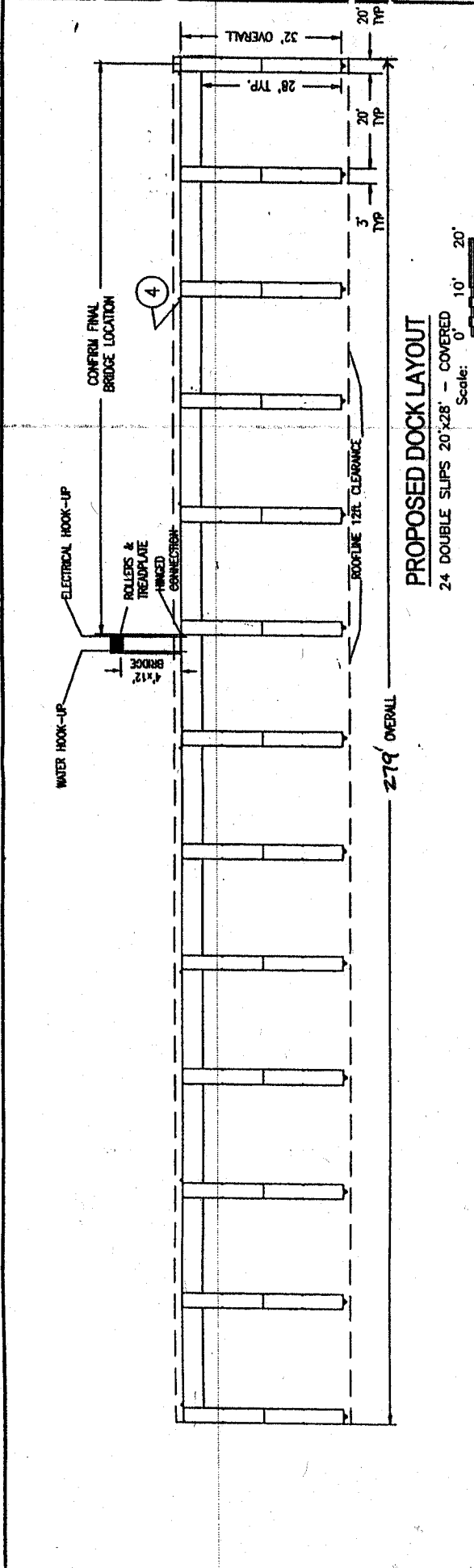
- a. Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

b. The State of Tennessee's "General Permit for Launching Ramps" applies to the discharge of dredged or fill material associated with the construction of the concrete boat ramp included in this application. However, applicants not familiar with the terms and conditions of this general permit must provide notification to the Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control, before starting construction.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before April 13, 2004, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attn: J. Ruben Hernandez at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7519. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to the attention of Gary Chappelle, Melton Hill Watershed Team, 2009 Grubb Road, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771-7129. Inquiries about the applicability of the state general permit for launching ramps can be directed to Mr. Dan Eagar, Tennessee Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534, telephone (615) 532-0625.



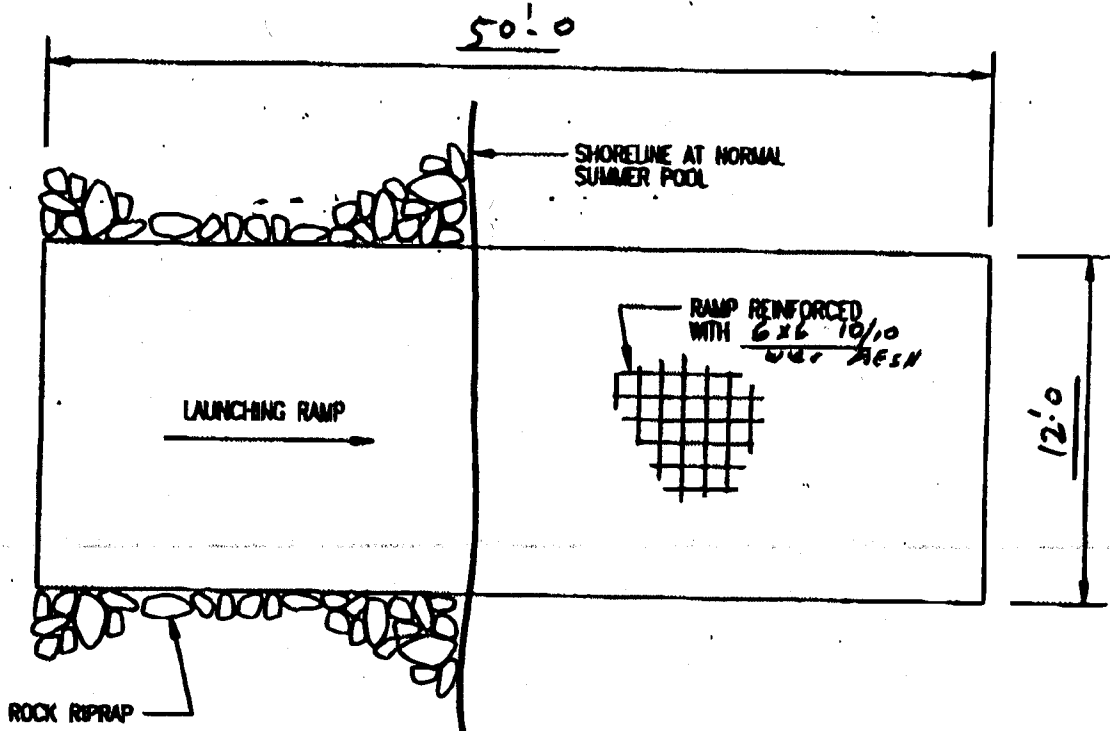


MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS	
1	Galvanized steel frames
2	Polyethylene encased flotation
3	Treated wood decking ("Choice" option)
4	Pipe & Sleeve anchor location

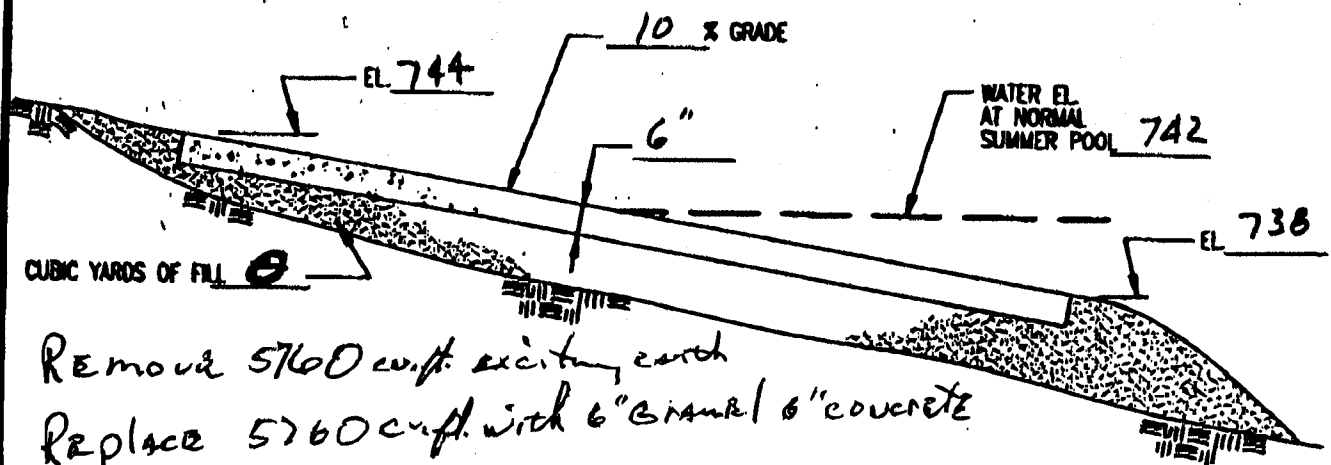
DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS	
Vertical live load (structural)	50psf
Vertical allowable live load (deck)	20psf (min.)
Flotation allowable live load (roof)	10psf (min.)
Horizontal wind load	15psf

Date: 08/23/03	EMERALD PONTE SUBDIVISION
Job: 075003	ROANE COUNTY, TN
Scale: N8003	WATT BAR LAKE
Drawn: GJ	TENNESSEE RIVER MILE MARKER 560
Revisions:	PROPOSED FIXED DOCK
Just Printed:	Sheet # 2

REV. JRT 3/16/04



PLAN



SECTION THRU CONCRETE RAMP

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS:

742'

NOTE:

INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS WHERE INDICATED.

IVM		TYPICAL CONCRETE RAMP DETAIL	
PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:			
STREAM NAME	TENN RIVER	SUBDIVISION NAME	EMERALD POINTE
RESERVOIR NAME	WATTS BAR	LOT NUMBER	
MILE MARKER	560	MAP NO.	
(APPLICANT'S NAME)			
WATERS EDGE PROPERTIES, INC.		JIM MURPHY	

Watersedge Properties, Inc.
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Exhibit D